

REMARKS

Claims 69, 71 and 72 have been amended. Claims 22-25, 27, 30-32, 66-67, and 69-72 remain pending in the present application. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, drawings and claims as originally filed.

The undersigned would like to thank Examiner Lugo for the personal interview conducted June 28, 2007. At the interview, the above Claim 69 was presented. The Examiner conceded that it appeared the amended Claim 69 overcame the art of record.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Applicants have amended Claims 69, 71, 72 as suggested by the Examiner to overcome his claim objections.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

The Examiner has rejected Claims 22-25, 27, 30-32, 66, 67 and 69-72 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants have amended Claims 69, 71 and 72 to further define the first and second members. Accordingly, Applicants believe the rejected claims to overcome the Examiner's rejection.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner has rejected Claims 22, 24, 27, 31, 69, 71 and 72 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), alleging them to be unpatentable over Plourde (U.S. Patent No. 6,976,787) in view of Richardson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,283,932). The Examiner alleges that this combination would render Applicants' claims obvious to those skilled in the art.

Above independent Claim 69 was presented at the interview.

The Examiner conceded that above Claim 69 appeared to overcome the art of record. Accordingly, Applicants believe Claim 69 to be patentably distinct over the cited references. Likewise, Claims 22-25, 27, 30-32 and 66-67, which depend from Claim 69, are patentably distinct over the art cited by the Examiner.

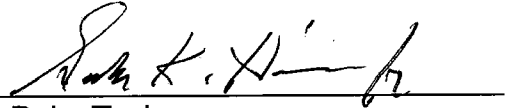
Independent Claims 71 and 72 have been amended to be patterned after Claim 69. Accordingly, Applicants believe Claim 71 and 72 to be patentably distinct over the art cited by the Examiner.

The Examiner has rejected several dependent claims in view of the two above cited patents further in view of Frydenberg; Savicki; Gregory; Eklof et al. in view Weavers; and Turvey and Gutman, respectively. All of the tertiary references cited by the Examiner fail to overcome the deficiencies of the two cited primary references. Accordingly, Applicants believe Claims 23, 25, 30, 32, 66, 67 and 70 to be patentably distinct over the art cited by the Examiner.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to pass the case to issue at his earliest possible convenience.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present application, he should not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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